

REMARKS

Amended claims 1 and 8 more specifically recite an apparatus for cleaning cooling tower water that comprises a compact, mobile machine mounted on a carriage or hand-truck having an extendible handle for moving the machine into position next to a cooling tower basin. Maneuverability and ease of handling the machine are enabled by the machine's in-line assembly in which an integral unit comprising motor, pump, strainer housing, and discharge pipe are affixed to each other with the motor housing solely affixed to the mounting base, and with heavy components including drive motor, mounting cage, centrifugal pump and discharge pipe positioned from midpoint to wheeled end of the mounting base ensuring that the wheeled end of the unit bears a major portion of unit weight both at rest and while in motion.

Newly added claim 10 recites applicants novel collection tool.

Carlile 6309169 is directed to a highway trailer towed by another road vehicle and as such is unsuitable for wheeling into position next to cooling towers. Moreover Carlile does not have or suggest the amended claim 1 arrangement of applicant's components with respect to each other, nor their connection to mounting base solely through the drive motor.

As noted in reply of October 19, 2005, Simpson does not

integrate a strainer in a set of operating components in the manner described and claimed by applicant. Nonetheless, a strainer made part of the Carlile structure would not meet the structure defined by the claims of record, particularly as to utilizing a drive motor for securing operating components to a mounting base.

The use of a strainer in Simpson 5611920 is noted. Simpson does not integrate a strainer in a set of operating components in the manner described and claimed by applicant, and as pointed out above in connection with remarks on the Carlile reference. Nonetheless, a strainer made part of the Carlile structure would not meet the structure defined by the claims of record, particularly as to utilizing a drive motor for securing operating components to a mounting base.

Aleman 4683067 discloses a suction wand fitted with wheels 86 and having a suction slot 88 to allow sludge and other material to enter the nozzle 85. This structure is quite distinct from applicants tool recited in claim 10.

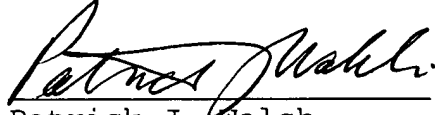
Accordingly, the examiner is urged to allow claims 1, 8 and 10 and to pass the case to issue.

In the event the Examiner persists in any of the rejections, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney for applicant in order to discuss the

application and to expedite prosecution thereof.

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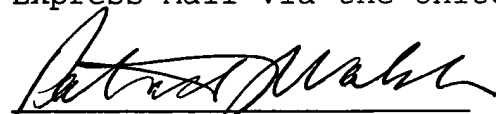
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